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COMMISSION COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL
CONCERNING FOOD AID IN THE FORM OF
SKIMMED MILK POWDER FOR GHANA

(1979 Programme)

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Under the programme for food aid in the form of skimmed milk powder for 1979 adopted on 8 May 1979, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Commission, had decided not to fix the quantity to be granted to Ghana until the quantity decided on for 1978 (3.500 T.) had been delivered and until the Commission had been given assurances concerning the proper use of the milk powder.

When the Commission sent experts to Ghana to carry out a check, it was found that the milk powder supplied by the Community had been used by the dairy industry for manufacturing compound foods for infants under unsatisfactory conditions of hygiene.

At the Commission's request, the Ghanaian authorities therefore decided that the skimmed milk powder supplied by the Community should no longer be used for preparing infant foods and officially informed the Commission that the powder would be used by the dairy industry solely for preparing liquid milk for which the conditions of hygiene may be considered normal. In the meantime, the industry has itself also said that there has been an improvement in the manufacturing conditions for infant foods.

Following this information, in May/June 1979 the Commission supplied the 3.500 T. of milk powder allocated under the 1978 programme. However, Ghana's requirements have by no means been covered by this delivery. The annual consumption of milk powder is 8.925 T., and of this 4.000 T. is covered by commercial imports and the remainder by food aid. The extremely precarious economic situation has not enabled the country to reach the target for commercial imports, which amounted to only 3.000 T. Consequently, the requirements to be met for the current year total about 2.500 T. The Commission therefore proposes that the Council grant 500 T. of milk powder to Ghana under the 1979 programme.

To that end, the Commission proposes that the Council amend the table contained in the Annex to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 938/79 by replacing the entry "p.m." for Ghana by the figure "500", and by amending accordingly the quantity earmarked for the reserve under the programme.

This decision does not have any financial implications, since the appropriations were laid down on a comprehensive basis when the 1979 programme was drawn up.

PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC)

AMENDING

COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) N° 938/79

on the supply of skimmed milk powder to certain developing countries and specialized bodies under the 1979 food aid programme.

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) N° 937/79 of 8 May 1979 laying down general rules for the supply of skimmed milk powder to certain developing countries and specialized bodies under the 1979 food aid programme, and in particular Articles 3 and 7 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the Commission,

Whereas Regulation (EEC) N° 938/79 did not lay down any quantity for the aid to be supplied to Ghana,

Whereas the Commission now has information concerning requirements and how the milk powder supplied as food aid is to be used?

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION :

Article 1

Of the 4.775 T. of skimmed milk powder provided for as a reserve in Regulation (EEC) N° 938/79, 500 T. shall be allocated to Ghana.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For The Council

The President